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*Special Meeting, September 26, 1901.*

Vice-President BARKER in the Chair.

Present, 36 members.

A special meeting was held at noon to take action upon the death of the Hon. Frederick Fraley, LL.D., President of the Society.

The Secretaries announced the death, on Monday, September 23, 1901, in the ninety-eighth year of his age, of the Hon. Frederick Fraley, the President of the Society.

Vice-President Barker made some remarks on the loss sustained by the Society in the death of its President.

Prof. Albert H. Smyth offered the following minute and resolution:

In the death of Frederick Fraley, on the 23d of September, 1901, the American Philosophical Society has lost its President, who had held his office since January 2, 1880.

Under the instant sense of bereavement it is not easy to record our appreciation of his superb stability of character and of his life-long devotion to duty.

He was elected to this Society July 15, 1842, and for fifty-nine years took a deep and fervid interest in its welfare and progress. He was faithful in every duty and adequate in every trial. He presided over the deliberations of the Society with wisdom and dignity and judgment and grace. His tact was unerring and his

patience unfailing. Simplicity and truthfulness were natural to him. All his impulses were generous and good.

He had an intuitive sense of the obligation of noble living, and he passed through the vicissitudes of human experience calmly and bravely, without fever and without fear.

In philosophy he had broad vision and ample equipment, and he sympathized quickly and cordially with the march of thought. In politics he illustrated the scope and fidelity of republican citizenship.

In his social relations he exercised a peculiar personal influence. He was distinguished by the repose of his manners, his cheerful temperament, and his eager, joyous, sanguine vitality. He surrounded himself with cheerfulness. His friendship was never idly given, but those who knew him well loved him dearly, for in sunshine or in storm he was alike steadfast and true.

He has gone from us in extreme old age—the labor of his life well done—in the full possession to the last of his lucid perception and dauntless cheer, and he leaves us the precious memory of a tranquil and beautiful character and the priceless possession of a high and rare example of noble living.

*Resolved*, That the Chair appoint a member of the Society to prepare an eulogium of Mr. Frederick Fraley.

The minute and resolution were seconded with eulogistic remarks by Messrs. Philip C. Garrett, Joel Cook, Hampton L. Carson, William V. McKean and Harold Goodwin, and were unanimously adopted.

The meeting was then adjourned by the presiding officer.

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*Stated Meeting, October 4, 1901.*

Vice-President SELLERS in the Chair.

Present, 10 members.

Letters were read as follows :

From Prof. Schiaparelli, of Milan; Thomas Willing Balch, Amos P. Brown, Dana C. Munro and Mazÿck Ravenel, of